

CONDITIONS IN THE SAMOA ISLANDS.

British Consul's Report Shows Considerable Development of Natural Resources.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, June 28.—Conditions in the Samoa Islands, since the transfer of Tutuila and Manua to the United States and Savaii and Upolu to the German Government, is the subject of a report by the British Consul, located in the islands, a copy of which has just been received by the Treasury Bureau of Statistics. The report is as follows:

"The islands of Savaii and Upolu were annexed by Germany on March 1, 1900. Shortly afterwards, on April 1, the United States took possession of Tutuila and Manua. The only export for many years has been copra, amounting, in 1897, to 4,000 pounds; 1898, 60,000 pounds; 1899, 20,000 pounds; 1900, 40,000. Copra, largely used for the manufacture of soap and candles, etc., goes to the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Russia, Italy and the United States, principally to the United Kingdom and Germany.

"One of the first acts of the Governor was to protect the natives by enforcing fair weights; he is now endeavoring to induce them to make a better article.

"At the present time cacao is enjoying much attention here. At a distance of two or three miles from the sea, it grows almost wild, and can be cultivated with success everywhere in Samoa, except perhaps on the summit of the mountains, where the climate will probably be too cold. The quality is good. Mr. Carruthers's cacao fetched lately the highest price in the London market. The Governor is introducing plants of the celebrated Socorro variety from Mexico. Cacao planting should draw the attention of home capitalists. The greater drawback is that, because the natives live for a longer period than ten years are not likely to be confirmed, as the Government does not wish to encourage land speculators, and refers any application of this kind to the British authorities.

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